

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The drug war is escalating in our country, leading to gang wars from Los Angeles to New York; and,

WHEREAS, Our children are our greatest resource and our dearest treasure; and,

WHEREAS, Teaching our children to say "NO!" to drugs and alcohol and to have confidence in that decision is a noble task; and,

WHEREAS, Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) was written in 1983 by the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles Unified School District in an attempt to teach elementary students how to resist the pressures to try drugs and alcohol; and,

WHEREAS, D.A.R.E. is proving to be a tremendously effective development in this nation's ongoing war against drugs, attacking the problem from the demand side by diverting young people away from drugs and other harmful behavior before they get involved; and,

WHEREAS, Today, D.A.R.E. is being taught in more than 38 states, as well as in New Zealand, Australia, American Samoa, England and Germany; and,

WHEREAS, Nearly 1.5 million children in 25,000 classrooms nationwide will go through the D.A.R.E. program in the 1988-89 school year; and,

WHEREAS, Our law enforcement officials, an often overlooked educational resource, are carefully selected and trained for 80 intensive hours, to help bridge the gap that sometimes grows between us and our children; and,

WHEREAS, D.A.R.E. consists of a 17-week curriculum designed to build the self esteem of young people and teach them the skills they need to lead drug-free lives through such topics as drug use and misuse, the consequences of drug use, decision making and risk taking, resistance techniques, alternatives to drug use and role modeling; and,

WHEREAS, More than 80 percent of the crimes committed by those now incarcerated in the South Dakota State Penitentiary involved drug or alcohol abuse; and,

WHEREAS, Attorney General Roger Tellinghuisen brought D.A.R.E. to South Dakota in an attempt to attack the demand side of South Dakota's drug problem; and,

WHEREAS, Thirty-five South Dakota law enforcement officers in South Dakota will offer D.A.R.E. to students in 77 schools in 30 communities this school year; and,

WHEREAS, On September 15, there will be a mass balloon release in 30 communities across the state in celebration of D.A.R.E. Day in South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of the unselfish commitment of our 35 South Dakota D.A.R.E. officers:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 15, 1988, as

D.A.R.E. DAY

in South Dakota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight


GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE